

THE BUTLER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
presents

The MUSIC
at BUTLER
Series

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY
JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

with

SEAN IMBODEN LARGE ENSEMBLE

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
7:30 P.M.
Schrott Center for the Arts

PROGRAM

Butler University Jazz Ensemble

Second Balcony Jump

Billy Eckstine (1914-1993)
Gerald Valentine (1914-1983)
Silas Owens, *tenor saxophone*
Devon Wiley, *guitar*
Samuel Weber, *trumpet*
Aaron Wilson, *alto saxophone*

Easy Money

Benny Carter (1907-2003)
David Strayhorn, *trumpet*
Gavin Witt, *trombone*
Michael Johnson, *piano*

I Ain't Got Nothin' but the Blues

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)
Amy Yactayo, *vocals*
Samuel Gonzalez, *baritone saxophone*
Aaron Wilson, *alto saxophone*
Dylan Noble, *guitar*

Feet Bone

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)
Eli Osborne, *piano*
Lucas Samberg, *bass*
Braedon Hoy, *trumpet*
Matt Campitelli, *trombone*

Sean Imboden Large Ensemble

Con Alma

Dizzy Gillespie
arr. Sean Imboden

Stella by Starlight

Victor Young
arr. Sean Imboden

Inner Urge

Joe Henderson
arr. Sean Imboden

Pure Imagination

Leslie Bricusse/Anthony Newly
arr. Sean Imboden

Yesterday

John Lennon/Paul McCartney
arr. Sean Imboden

Certified Organic

Sean Imboden

BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Matt Pivec, director

Olander Porter, graduate assistant

SAXOPHONES

Aaron Wilson – alto 1 (section leader)
Olivia Vogel – alto 2
Silas Owens – tenor 1
Aiden Smith – tenor 2
Samuel Gonzalez – bari

TRUMPETS

David Strayhorn – lead (section leader)
Samuel Weber
Amy Yactayo
Braedon Hoy
Ashton Roman

TROMBONES

Matt Campitelli (section leader)
Gavin Witt
Solomon Thang
Keegan O'Connor – bass

RHYTHM

Elvin Deckard, Matthew Norton – drums
Lucas Samberg, Colin Hunt – bass
Devon Wiley (section leader), Dylan Noble – guitar
Michael Johnson, Eli Osborne – piano

SEAN IMBODEN LARGE ENSEMBLE

SAXOPHONES

Matt Pivec
LaMont Webb
Mark O'Connor
Cecily Terhune
Evan Drybread

TRUMPETS

Clark Hunt
Ansyn Banks
Scott Belk
Kent Hickey

TROMBONES

Tucker Woerner
Blake Schlabach
Chaz Rhodes
Rich Dole

RHYTHM

Joel Tucker
Christopher Pitts
Nick Tucker
Cassius Goens III

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The award-winning Butler University Jazz Ensemble is one of eight jazz-related ensembles at Butler University. Under the direction of Dr. Matt Pivec, the band has performed with world-renowned guest artists such as Kenny Barron, Cécile McLorin-Salvant, Sullivan Fortner, John Clayton, Benny Golson, Wycliffe Gordon, Stefon Harris, Maria Schneider, Kurt Elling, Christian McBride, Bobby Sanabria, Donny McCaslin, Fred Sturm, Robert Baca, Melvin Rhyne, Steve Allee, Ted Poor, and the Wee Trio.

In the past decade, the Butler University Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at several prestigious conferences including the 2023 Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago and the 2024 Western International Band Clinic in Seattle. The ensemble has also performed at the Indiana Music Educators Association state conference in 2023, 2020, and 2014.

The Butler University Jazz Ensemble has been the recipient of many awards, including being honored as the winner of the Downbeat Student Music Awards Undergraduate Large Ensemble Category in 2020 and 2024.

In addition to performing a variety of regular on-campus concerts, the ensemble has performed at professional venues such as the Jazz Kitchen, Indy Jazz Fest, and Jazz at the Bistro. Since 2008, the ensemble has toured to New Orleans, Memphis, Chicago, and St. Louis.

Butler University Jazz is very active in educational and outreach programs including the Benny Golson Jazz Festival, the Butler Youth Jazz Program, and the Butler Summer Jazz Camp.

MATT PIVEC

Indianapolis-based musician Matt Pivec maintains an active, multifaceted career as a performer, educator, and clinician.

As a saxophonist, Matt is currently a member of the Steve Allee Big Band and the Sean Imboden Large Ensemble. He has also worked with Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Ana Gasteyer, Bob Brookmeyer, Maria Schneider, Melvin Rhyne, the Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, the Rochester Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, and the national touring companies of Hairspray, 42nd Street, and The Producers. As a band leader and soloist, Matt has performed at jazz festivals and venues throughout the United States. He has three albums to his credit: *Live at Snider Hall*, *Psalm Songs*, and *Time and Direction*.

Currently, Matt is the Director of Jazz Studies at Butler University where he leads the Butler University Jazz Ensemble and teaches courses in the jazz studies curriculum. Since his arrival in 2008, Butler ensembles have performed with world-renowned guest artists such as Cécile McLorin-Salvant, Sullivan Fortner, Kenny Barron, John Clayton, Benny Golson, Stefon Harris, Maria Schneider, Kurt Elling, Christian McBride, Bobby Sanabria, Donny McCaslin, Fred Sturm, Melvin Rhyne, Steve Allee, Ted Poor, and the Wee Trio. Under his direction, in 2020 and 2025, the Butler University Jazz Ensemble won the Downbeat Student Music Awards Undergraduate Large Ensemble Category. The Butler University Jazz Ensemble has also performed at several prestigious conferences, including the Midwest Clinic in Chicago in 2023 and the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle in 2024.

Matt received the Doctor of Musical Arts (Saxophone Performance and Literature) and Master of Music (Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media) degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. While at Eastman, Matt studied with Ramon Ricker. He performed with the Eastman Wind Ensemble, the Eastman Graduate Saxophone Quartet, and served as lead alto saxophone of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble. Matt received the Bachelor of Music Education degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Matt has presented educational clinics and research at the Jazz Education Network Conference, the International Association for Jazz Education Conference, the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and the Indiana Music Educators Association Conference. His publications have been featured in *Teaching Music*, *Inform*, and *Jazzed* magazines. He is also a past president of the Indiana Jazz Education Association.

Matt is a member of the national music honor society, Pi Kappa Lambda, and in 2013, he received the Mortar Board, Excellence in Teaching Award from the Jordan College of the Arts. In 2020, Matt received the Outstanding Collegiate Music Educator award from the Indiana Music Education Association. In 2025, he was named a “Faculty All-Star” by the Jordan College of the Arts and Butler University Provost’s office.

In February 2009, Matt founded the Butler Youth Jazz Program and Butler Summer Jazz Camp. From these programs, students have progressed to study at some of the top music conservatories and colleges in the United States.

Matt is a Yamaha Artist.

SEAN IMBODEN

Sean Imboden is an American saxophonist and composer whose music pioneers forward-thinking, original compositions, and presents cutting-edge live performances. Sean has performed and recorded with GRAMMY-winning artists and jazz luminaries, including Slide Hampton, Sean Jones, Mike Rodriguez, Emmet Cohen, Steve Allee, Kenny Phelps, John Raymond, and Valery Ponomarev (of Art Blakey’s Jazz Messengers). A long-time member of Indianapolis-based quartet Tucker Brothers, Sean plays on the band’s four critically acclaimed albums. An active sideman, Sean has appeared on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Barry Manilow, Johnny Mathis, and Idina Menzel. Sean toured internationally for many years with various Broadway productions, and as a featured soloist with Blast II. Sean has taught at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University and is currently on the faculty at Butler University and Ball State University. Sean works with students around the world through his online Virtual Studio.

Sean’s flagship group, the Sean Imboden Large Ensemble, is a 17-piece modern jazz big band comprised of many of the best musicians in central Indiana. Consistently presenting innovative new music along with unique arrangements of standards, this group features top-tier soloists and a fresh approach to the traditional big band instrumentation.

Scan the QR code to support the Butler University School of Music!



JCA LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We gather here at Butler University on the traditional homelands of Indigenous peoples who were forcibly removed from this place. These peoples include the Myaamiaki (Miami), Lenape (Delaware), Bodewadmi (Potawatomi), Saawanwa (Shawnee), Kiiikaapoi (Kickapoo), and Peouaroua (Peoria) peoples. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the indigenous peoples past and present who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This acknowledgement calls us to commit to hearing and engaging Indigenous voices and perspectives and to being better stewards of the land we inhabit. It also calls us to action. Learn more by scanning the QR code for additional information.



The Butler University School of Music is proud to acknowledge
Meridian Piano Movers
as a corporate sponsor of our programs.

